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Subject: FBC Comment 5

Attached please find my FBC Comment 5. Thank you.

Chappaqua Rec Field

During the public hearings regarding the revitalization of the Chappaqua hamlet, I made a suggestion that the TNC rec field located on South Greeley Avenue be relocated to the Chappaqua Crossing site. Most all residents using the rec field arrive by car; therefore, it would make no difference where the rec field is located. This could have been part of the ongoing negotiations with the developer of Chappaqua Crossing.

Replacing the rec field with a shopping promenade, similar to the photo below of the promenade located in Armonk adjacent to DeCicco's supermarket, would have extended the walkable downtown shopping area. As part of this suggestion, apartments would be constructed above the stores with sufficient space for parking. This suggestion would help to revitalize the hamlet and would put more feet on the pavement.

A promenade with new stores having appealing optics could also prompt some of the owners/merchants with existing outdated storefronts to improve the optics of their storefronts.

Did the FBC consultants consider this suggestion and if not why not? Is it possible to act upon this suggestion now, and if not why not?



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